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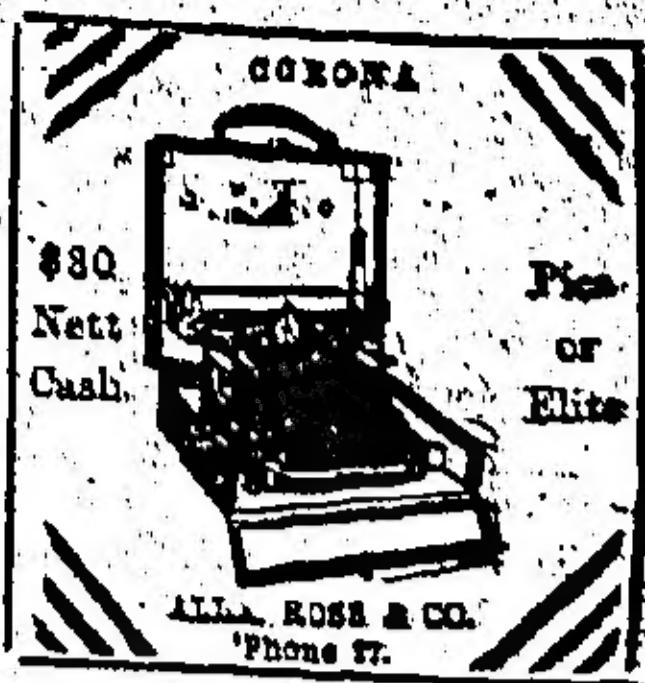
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II—Fire Funds..... 3,837,047
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£23,970,387
Revenue Fire Branch..... £2,381,456
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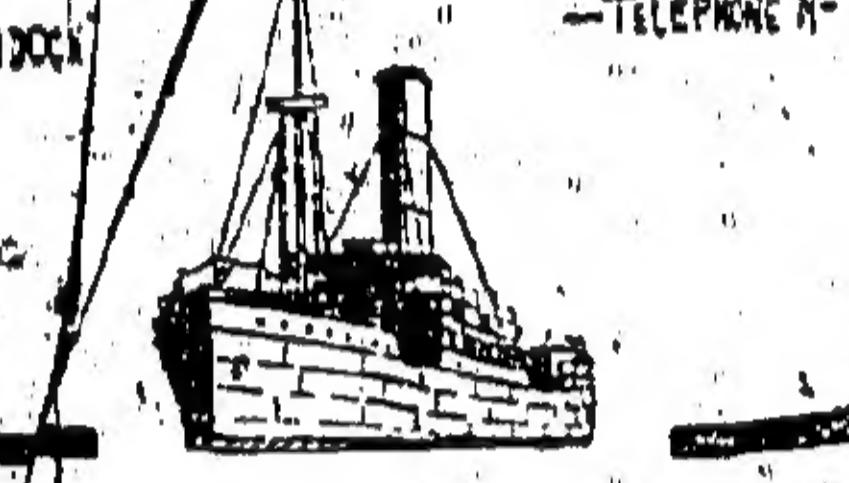
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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SEVERE FIGHTING IN FLANDERS

BELGIANS TAKE DIXMUIDE.

KING ALBERT'S TROOPS
PUNISH SACKERS
OF DINANT.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

Bentley's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing on Monday morning, says:

The Belgians and our Second Army are splendidly progressing in Flanders, where the situation has become fraught with intensely dramatic possibilities.

The Germans received some reinforcements in the shape of two tired divisions withdrawn from the Somme fighting on the 25th. Consequently, resistance has stiffened somewhat, but nowhere is it sufficiently formidable to arrest our general advance.

The Belgians go into Dixmuiden by a smart flanking movement, and swiftly went through the town, despite street fighting. A large party of the enemy held out obstinately in Hotel-de-Ville, but eventually all were killed or captured.

King Albert's troops are fighting with the vehemence born of their many tragic wrongs. The Germans opposite them are having a very bad time. One German regiment, the 100th Infantry, which had participated in the sacking of Dinant in the early days of the war, was identified, and the Belgians hailed with glee the chance of paying off some of the score.

An entire battery of 150 howitzers

was captured in Houthulst forest.

THE KING'S MESSAGE.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

The Press Bureau states:

The King has sent a message to the King of the Belgians as follows:

"I congratulate you on your victory, by the combined action of

your brave troops and my Second Army,

under your supreme command,

whereby the enemy has been

expelled from positions in

Belgian territory, sacred to the

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THE BRITISH FRONT.

IMPORTANT PROGRESS ON

CAMBRAI-ST. QUENTIN FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISES.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

11.30 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig

reports:

"Despite the weather and strong

resistance, we made important pro-

gress on the St. Quentin-Cambrai

battle-front.

The First Division south of Bapaume

resumed the attack in the morn-

ing and gained high ground about

Thoregny, and captured the village

and the east end of the Canal tunnel

at Le Tronquay, taking many pri-

soners. Here joined the 32

INTIMATIONS

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 6th October, 1918, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 27th September to 5th October, both days inclusive.

By Order,

"M. MANUK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 20, 1918. 780

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded of the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company to be held on TUESDAY, the 8th day of October, 1918, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY LIMITED, No. 8, Pedder Street, Hongkong, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming a Special Resolution that the Resolution set out underneath which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 19th day of September, 1918.

That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be and the same are hereby approved and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof.

Dated the 20th day of Sept. 1918.

By Order of the Directors,
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Managers.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices at Noon on SATURDAY the 19th of October, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th of October, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
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Hongkong, Sept. 24, 1918. 786

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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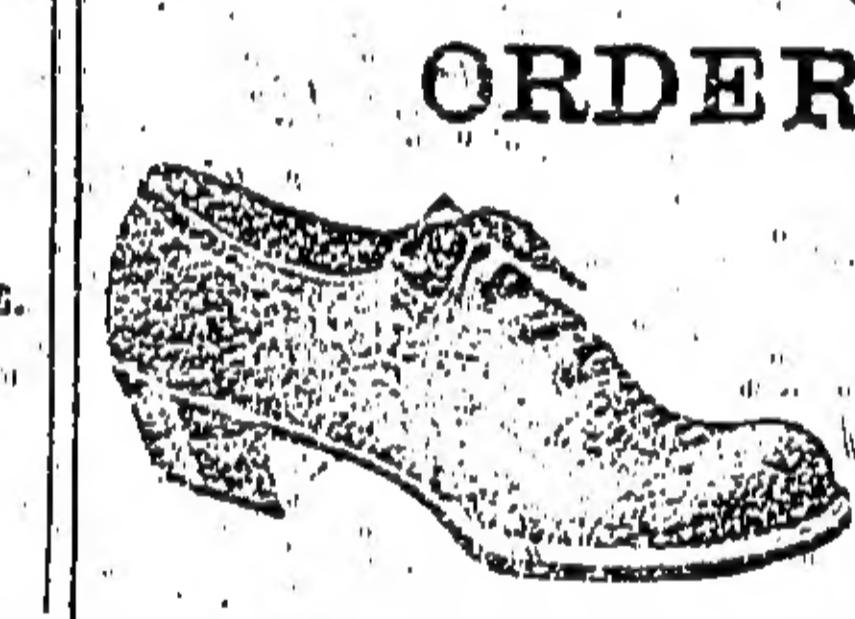
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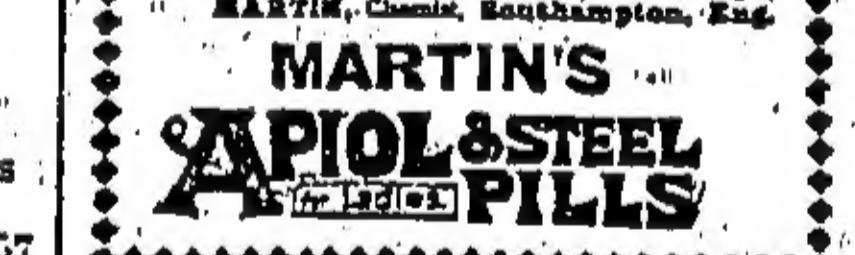
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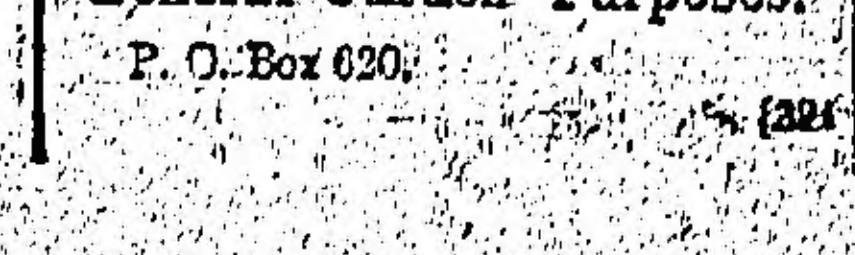
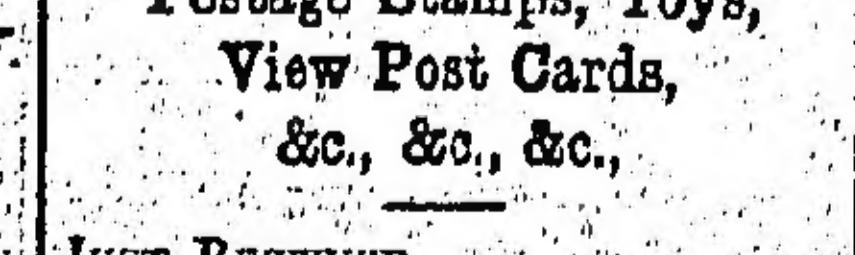
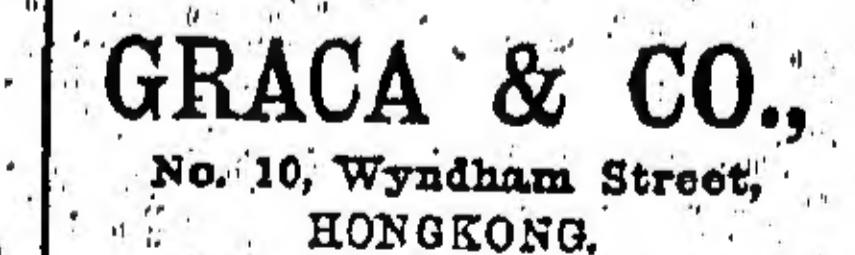
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CHINESE MARRIAGES.

PETITION TO THE STRAITS GOVERNOR FOR REGISTRATION.

A delegation from Straits-born Chinese
British subjects waited on His
Excellency the Governor, Sir A. H.
Young, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.E., at Government
House recently, and presented a
petition asking that marriages of Straits-born
Chinese be registered in the same
manner as if the contracting parties were
living in the British Isles. Mr. Cheah
Kee Ee, of Penang, headed the delegation
which included Messrs. Lee Tian
Siew and Chew Boi Keen. The delegation
was introduced by the Hon. Dr.
Lim Boon Kong, and was received by
His Excellency the Governor and the
Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

In presenting the petition Mr. Cheah
Kee Ee explained that it was the
desire of the Chinese community of Penang
to have their marriages registered
in the same manner as if the contracting
parties were living in the British Isles.
The petition asked that the marriages of Straits-born
Chinese might be registered, but it had
also pointed out the speech made
that a large portion of the Chinese
community in Penang were in favour
of the registration of marriages of Chinese
who were not Straits-born, and at the same
time it was stated in the petition that
"you respect the opinion of the majority."
The petition states that it is
not desired to make the registration of
such Chinese marriages compulsory.
Then as regards the registration of
marriages of Straits-born Chinese it was ad-
vised that it should be made compulsory,
not voluntary, but said His Excellency,
there was a large portion of the Chinese
community who did not desire compulsory
registration and before coming to
a decision on this point he would have
to consult his advisers. He was very glad
to have met them there that morning
and regretted that he had not been able
to visit Penang for the last few months,
but he thought he probably would be there
in December next when he hoped to be
able to meet the Chinese community
again.

Following His Excellency's remarks an
informal exchange of views took place,
the Governor, the Colonial Secretary and Dr.
Lim Boon Kong sharing the view that in
consequence of differences of opinion
existing, voluntary registration might be
introduced as a first step towards more
definitive measures later, if necessary.

The function concluded Mr. Lee
Tian Siew said, on behalf of the Chinese
community of Penang: "I beg to express our most
sincere thanks to Your Excellency for
the cordial reception accorded to the
delegation, and for the sympathetic hearing
given to us. Legislation on the subject
of our petition will undoubtedly be
considered by the Chinese born and
domiciled in British Malaya as one of the
most beneficial acts under Your Excellency's
administration, tending to promote
happiness in our home and raise a
higher moral tone in our social life."

The delegation then retired.

They should have rather a claim to be
in "centralisation" to the spirit of the
traditional customs and laws of China.

The request, therefore, which your
petitioners make must be considered
eminently reasonable, founded as it is
upon the "principle of civilised" communities
and supported by the good sense and
by the exalted idea of the nature of mar-
riages which has been always present in
the Chinese mind. Registration will pro-
mote the stability of family life and will
tend to prevent the litigation, the dis-
content and the disappointment which
are, unfortunately, only too prevalent,
owing to the absence of the measure
which your petitioners advocate.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound,
will ever pray.

THE GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

His Excellency said: "I was glad to
meet some of the leading members of the
Chinese community of Penang, and he
could assure them that any request made
by them in that matter would have the
most careful consideration. The petition
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The lecture and classes on the lines
of compulsory education in France elsewhere
are to deal with English and civics in
all cases, and are to furnish instruction
in such other subjects as the case may
desire to take up.

I am all for general education in what
are called the modern humanities—litera-
ture, history, languages, and the en-
lightenment which they give—but I feel
that technical instruction is also required,
and I doubt if the ordinary supply of
teachers can provide it.

A long list of very brilliant lecturers
is being compiled, and excellent work will be
done by them, but I say that re-education
in trades and crafts should be afforded.

I should like to see co-operation be-
tween the trade unions and the City
companies in this. Some of the City
companies—the Goldsmiths, the Mercers,
and the Linenmers notably—have done
much for education already.

The Trades Union Congress, always in
favour of education for children and
adolescents, may feel differently towards
this idea of re-education in crafts; but
I hope not.

For this is certain—the bulk of the men
must be helped to resume their former
occupations efficiently. The factories and
workshops in this country have undergone
a great transformation; we are hoping
that the new plant may produce a
great output of peaceful commodities
when the war is over; and maybe many
of the men will need educating how to
use the plant and the machinery installed
while they have been away.

WHAT OR LAMED AND HILT.

And what are we as a nation going to
do for our wounded when they recover
and come out into a world that is gone
with peace again? What are we going
to do for our lame and halt?

Among other things, we shall give them
re-education, I hope. Tendrily, grate-
fully, patiently let us put as many of
them as may be again to school. Of all
it college. The younger of our hundred
of thousands of lame and otherwise
wounded were taken into the Army or
Navy out of their apprenticeships, to
speak. If they can return to their in-
tended occupation they will do so with a
gap of several years of lost practice and
therefore of lack of skill in their craft or
profession. This should be made good.

Employers and workpeople could co-
operate in that; between them they would
know what kind of work in their trade
the lame could be set to with hope of
success. They could arrange for the
education of men who already knew
something of the avocation and for the
initial training of others in it.

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The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Oct. 2, 1912. 703

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signed at The Hague in 1913, China's duty is clear. Article 13 reads: "The contracting Powers shall use their best endeavours to adopt, or cause to be adopted, measures to ensure that morphine, cocaine, and their respective salts, shall not be exported from their countries, possessions, colonies and leased territories to the countries, possessions, colonies and leased territories of the other contracting Powers, except when consigned to persons furnished with the licences or permits provided for by the laws or regulations of the importing country." The proposal which the Chinese Government now has under consideration is in clear violation of that pledge.

Inspector Macdonald stated that the truck was driven along the tram-lines and it swerved just opposite where the girls were standing. Three men were in charge of it and the pull rope of the truck knocked the little girl down, and she was then run over by the left front wheel. There was no tram-car passing on the side of the truck. One of the witnesses who stated that in his opinion the truck men were running, thereby exceeding the limited four miles an hour.

Mr. Shenton said he understood that the Police were willing to withdraw the charge of "mán-slaughter" against his clients as they were satisfied that it was an accident. His clients had arranged to pay \$100 compensation to the father of the deceased if the Magistrate approved of the arrangement.

He had also seen the Captain Superintendent of Police, who was of the opinion that a death enquiry would meet the case, subject to the Magistrate's inclination in the matter.

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TELEGRAMS.

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THE AMERICAN FRONT.

CAGIOUS ENEMY UNDERGROUND MANSIONS IN ARGONNE.

LUXURIOUS WITH PILFERED BELONGINGS.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — Reuter's Correspondent at American Headquarters, describing the country in which the Americans are fighting in the Forest of Argonne, says: —

The extraordinary duckness and density are complicated by the difficulties of the ground with ravines so abrupt that it is possible to step upon the tops of trees immediately beneath.

The enemy for years lived in mansions dug beneath the hill sides with porches of stone leading on one hand to stone-lined trenches and on the other hand to a series of spacious chambers pilfered and stored with mortised timber and furnished with suites of oak, walnut and mahogany pilfered from the adjoining chateaux. They are luxuriously lighted with electricity and hundreds of miles of wire woven among the trees, looking like a web of some inconceivable spider. This wire is mostly hidden by weeds.

BALKANS THEATRE.

CONTINUED PURSUIT OF ENEMY REARGUARD.

BRITISH, FRENCH, SERBIANS AND GREEKS CO-OPERATE SPLENDIDLY.

LONDON, Oct. 1. — A French Eastern communiqué states: —

The Allies continued to pursue the enemy rearguards towards Kicevo and advanced north of Ochrida, and reached the El Bassat road, west of Lake Ochrida. French cavalry have entered Ushub.

The Serbians, supported by French and Greek troops, continued to advance on Kumanovo, Epirus, and Durrës, to the east.

British and Greek divisions advanced in the direction of Pećevac and Petric.

THE BATTLE REVIEWED.

In reviewing the fortnight's victorious operations the communiqué points out that the armistice was signed at Salonički at 11 o'clock on the evening of September 29th. The offensive began on September 15th, with only two French divisions and one Serbian division against the mountain barrier from Velenik to Sokol. Through this breach, which had been gradually enlarged, the Serbian armies, supported by French and Greek detachments, poured unceasingly, despite the exceptional difficulties of the ground and a desperate resistance, towards the principal objectives in the region of Kavadar and Demirkapu which were reached on September 20th.

Cutting simultaneously the line of communications of the First Bulgarian army operating on the Vardar and the Second Germano-Bulgarian army north of Monastir, in which operation all the Allied forces rallied each other in endurance, courage and self-sacrifice. The British and Greek divisions, after a desperate struggle, turned on September 18th, the enemy positions at Doiran, holding up big enemy forces. From September 21st and onwards, Italian, Greek and French troops of the Monastir Army have participated in the operations.

On the 22nd a general pursuit began and was carried out with the utmost ardour and splendid vigour. On the 23rd the Serbians crossed the Vardar near Krivolak, and on the 24th French cavalry entered Prilep. On the 25th Ushub was carried and likewise the Belasitsa mountains. The English forced the road to Strumitsa, entering the town on the 28th. When the Serbians reached Kochana and Veleni the French and Italians marched on Kicevo.

The Bulgarians asked for an armistice and announced the despatch of plenipotentiaries. In the course of these operations, which the hasty despatch of German reinforcements were unable to hamper, the Allies captured a large number of prisoners and immense booty.

Allied aviation took very active and a most successful part in the fighting, informing the movements of the enemy to the staff and bombing and machine-gunning enemy troops and convoys, causing confusion, and preventing the enemy from escaping from our pinches.

MR. BONAR LAW'S REVIEW.

BRITISH EMPIRE'S CAPTURES SINCE JULY 10TH.

1,000 SQ. MILES AND 120,000 GERMAN PRISONERS.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — Mr. Bonar Law has stated that the victory in Palestine has resulted in an almost complete destruction of another Turk's Army and the capture of 10,000 additional prisoners. The Bulgarian convention, meant that communication between Germany and the East in that direction has ceased and Germany's dream of German Middle Eastern empire had gone for ever. (Cheers.) Since July 10th the forces of the British Empire had captured 1,000 square miles of territory, 250 villages and over 120,000 German prisoners. The casualties of the forces of the British Empire during the past two years exceeded those of any of the Allies.

BULGARIA SIGNS ARMISTICE.

ALL ALLIED CONDITIONS ACCEPTED.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — An official report states: —

The armistice was signed at Salonički and hostilities suspended. Bulgaria has accepted all the conditions cabled on the 28th.

ALLIED CONTROL OF BULGARIA.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — Mr. Bonar Law in a speech at the Guildhall announced that the convention with Bulgaria gave the Allies complete control of the Bulgarian railways, which meant the control of Bulgaria.

THE BULGARIAN CAPITULATION.

AN ENEMY JOURNAL'S PREDICTION.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 30. — The *Frontsch. Zeitung*, writing before the Bulgarian capitulation, predicted that such an event would lead to capitulation by Turkey, and the reunion of the Entente and Russia, and finally the capitulation of Austria-Hungary.

NEW GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY.

UNIONIST M.P. SUCCEEDS LORD WILLINGTON.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — The Press Bureau states: —

Captain George Lloyd, D.S.O., Unionist M.P. for Staffordshire, has been appointed Governor of Bombay, in succession to Lord Willington, who becomes Governor of Madras, in succession to Lord Pentland.

NEW JAPANESE CABINET.

A SHUFFLE.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — Reuter's Agency learns that the new Japanese Cabinet is composed as follows: —

Mr. Kishida, leader of the Seikaku, Premier; Viscount Uchida, ex-Ambassador to Russia, Foreign Secretary; Lieut-General Tanaka, Secretary for War; Admiral Kato, Minister of Marine.

REPORTED RESIGNATIONS OF HERTLING AND VON HINTZE.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 30. — A message from Berlin says it is officially reported that the Kaiser has accepted the resignation of Count Hertling and Admiral von Hintze.

ENGLISH EXPEDITION TO SPITZBERGEN.

ARRIVES IN NORWAY.

Tromsø (Norway), Sept. 30. — The English expedition to Spitzbergen has arrived.

NORWEGIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS.

NORWAY LAYS MINES AS PROTECTION AGAINST SUBMARINES.

CHRISTIANIA, Sept. 30. — Norway is laying mines in territorial waters as a protection against U-boats.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — The Press Bureau states that Sir Douglas Haig has heartily congratulated the King of the Belgians and the Belgian Army on the magnificent results they have achieved.

BRITISH AERIAL ACTIVITIES.

62 MACHINES BROUGHT DOWN.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, states: —

There was much aerial activity on September 20th. The weather turned to rain in the afternoon. We brought down fifteen balloons adrift, and also brought down 27 aeroplanes and drove down nine out of control. Nineteen British machines are missing. One British machine, reported missing on September 28th, has now returned.

We dropped 30 tons of bombs on railway stations and junctions. Night flying was impossible.

ENEMY DESTROYERS BOMBED.

The Admiralty states: — In addition to co-operating in the Belgian offensive, our aeroplanes, between September 23rd and 27th, kept enemy shipping under observation, bombed and machine-gunned destroyers and visited Zeebrugge, Ostend and Bruges and aerodromes in the vicinity of Ghent.

We destroyed twelve enemy machines and drove down fourteen out of control. Ten British machines are missing.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — A squadron of large sea-planes carried out a long reconnaissance in the Heligoland Bight.

REPORTED UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: —

We have entered the northern suburbs of Cambrai.

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LONDON, Sept. 30. — Reuter's learns that Bulgaria has surrendered unconditionally.

REPORTED UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — The King of Bulgaria.

LOYAL TO THE QUADRUPLE.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — The *Colombe Gazette* states that Tsar Ferdinand remains loyal to the Alliance.

The paper adds that the reinforcements proceeding to Bulgaria form a really powerful army.

POLITICAL PRISONERS PARDONED.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 30. — A message from Sofia states that the Tsar Ferdinand has pardoned all political prisoners at the time of Bulgaria's entry into the war, restoring their civil and political rights.

A message from Vienna says that Tsar Ferdinand has sent a message to Emperor Charles assuring him of his loyalty to the Quadrupole.

COALITION GOVERNMENT FOR AUSTRIA.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 30. — A Vienna telegram foreshadows the formation of a coalition Government in which the Czechs are offered a portfolio.

COUNT HERTLING RESIGNS.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 30. — Count Hertling's visit to Headquarters is regarded the preliminary to his resignation.

A message from Berlin says the *Woch. Zeitung* understands that Count Hertling and von Hintze have tendered their resignations.

GERMAN PROFESSOR'S REMARKABLE APPEAL.

LONDON, Sept. 30. — A German semi-official statement

protests that Germany is really in earnest in regard to a League of Nations.

Germany believes there can be no place in such an international association for block armed or submarine stations threatening peaceful trade.

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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

THE ETERNAL FEMININE

Glasgow, July 29.

"Woman," Robert Burns wrote in a letter to the luckless Miss Davies, "is the blood royal of life. Let there be the slightest degree of precedence among them, but let all be sacred." When Napoleon was asked why he addressed so many of his hymns to women and so few to the deities, he is said to have replied that women were his deities. Mankind observes that the Creator may have repented the creation of man, but He had no reason to regret having made women. And Burns himself unconsciously plagiarises the same sentiment.

Auld nature awwers the lovely dears.
Her noblest work surpasses, 0;
Her prentice hand she tried of man,
And then she made the lassies, 0.

But women have not escaped criticism in the past and may not look forward to immunity in the days to come. From the beginning of time men of middle age and ladies of uncertain age have consistently held the opinion that the younger generation would never equal their fathers and mothers.

In the forgotten pages of a periodical published in Edinburgh in the end of the eighteenth century, Henry Mackintosh, the "Man of Feeling," wrote upon the mores and manners of the young womanhood of his day. "It was a period of prime propriety and an almost lugubrious respectability; society in the Scottish Capital was dominated by a literary coterie, the chief members of which were Henry Mackintosh himself, Adam Smith, Dugald Stewart, and David Hume. And yet even at that most inauspicious period and among these unlikely surroundings, we find in the musty pages of "The Lounger," an unmistakable portrait of our fascinating little friend, the "flapper," dancing, flirting, and capoing for all the world, as she did 't the beginning of the 20th century, and earning for herself then as now the stern disapproval of middle-aged austerity."

"Youth," the Man of Feeling observes, "inspires the privileges of age so frequently as we would retain the privileges of youth." At no period perhaps was this prematurity of behaviour more conspicuous than at present. Girls who formerly used to be found in the nursery are now brought forward to the prerogatives of womanhood. To figure at public places, to be gaily dressed at public walks, to laugh and talk loud at both, to have all the airs and all the ease of a fine lady are now the requirements of misses who in my younger days were working their samplers, learning white seam, or allowed to spoil mince pie by way of an exercise in pastry; and it is no uncommon thing nowadays to see in a corner of a ballroom at mid-night, leaning on the arm of her partner and now and then answering some of his speeches with a rap of her fan, the same ungrown girl who, not a great many years ago, would have curtailed to the company, kissed papa and mama, and gone to bed supine between eight and nine in the evening.

One almost seems to hear the irreverent "ungrown girl" murmuring sweetly the 18th century equivalent for "I don't think" when she read these words of wisdom. And as for the very strict Man of Feeling, at that period we read that the beautiful daughters of Lady Maxwell of Monreith were "the wildest rumps imaginable," and the principal amusement of Miss Jane, who afterwards became the Duchess of Gordon, was to ride down the High Street of Edinburgh "on the back of a sow, which the fair Miss Eglington thumped lustily behind with a stick!"

Woman never was, in fact, and never will be the uninteresting patterns of primeness that middle-aged mediocrities would have us believe. The world grows older every day, and so we belong not to the youngest, really to the oldest and most experienced era. From this point of view the "new women" now enfranchised are older by myriad of years than their common mother Eve. But in whatsoever direction they may advance, however matter may be their yielding of the ballot pencil that proclaims their newly-acquired citizenship, the legend will never die—the young women will never be the women that their mothers were.

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WATCHING THE LIGHTS AT ZEEBRUGGE.

[By ARTHUR E. CORING.]

To patrol off the southern shores of the North Sea—and I am just back from trawling there in—destroyers, motor launches, and other craft—is to realise how absolutely Britain and Co. rule the waves, even in the enemy section of water. Quaint little-styled the German Ocean. But don't imagine the ruling to be associated with any repose or routine. Sternness, vigilance, and smiting enthusiasm—these are the words for it.

Picture the personal experiences. A tubby little thing which, rattling and plumping and rolling, resolutely fights a way through the swell. Coming out of a vessel larger and longer, which shoves forward straight and quivering, with two smooth hillocks of green water surging from its bow, and with a broad wake of snowy cream trailing astern.

I shut my eyes to see again the deck groups. There is that fact common to all—bright eyes associated with an attractive form of animated happiness. For each officer and man has made up his mind that, if Death rushes upon him at forty knots, a possibility which every hour holds—he will cheerfully interpose his body between Britain and a hurricane of explosives and flying metal. That is what, by the operation of the laws of conscience, makes his soul feel sweet and clean.

In neighbouring narrow seas (for we took some longish trips), there were two small, tangible results to make our sailor heroes glad—safely-escorted trooping ships brought with them of heroes of literature, and fleets of arriving merchantmen laden with food.

On a darkish night we went E.N.E.—a moonless night, with scarcely any stars though with sea shore and sky marked by shades of difference. Batteried and plucky Dunkirk was getting still another bombing—at least, smudges of flame showed where Archie was taking to Jerry, and every now and then Diana Mary broke into the conversation with her high and rising note of unearthly lamentation. (Indeed, to be abed there is to find the guns and bombs downright sedative and musical in comparison with the super-syren of that long suffering but cheerful Channel port.)

A mile or so further on a flaming fire showed where, as near as we could guess, a group of farm buildings had been hit by bomb or shell; the warm glow very pleasing to the eye in that general grey.

And soon there were other pretty lights. A small island crimson dashes pulsated faintly, with small silver stars arising in their midst.

It was "like home" for two of us; my associate, a Navy lieutenant who had been an Army private "over there."

We insisted on identifying the position of each conspicuous outburst of radiance. "That's this side of Dixmude," "That must be at Ypres." Presently an unmistakable dump went up—a broad ribbon of fire arising behind belts of clouds.

It was a "delightfully clean" way of seeing the front. Few birds flew, calling overhead, and we heard the splash of waves against our side. What a change from the mud, rats, the ice, the everlasting crumps, the squalid desolation. Good luck to our brave boys across there.

We were, indeed, blest. Hot cocoas on deck—hot cocoas in porcelain. Yet it was not absolutely a picnic. Even we had our thrills, and there was firing—but nothing of that.

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